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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: APPOINTMENT REQUEST:
MALAYSIANINFORMATION MINISTER TAIB (S/S NO. 7616922)

TO THE SECRETARY FROM EA - ROBERT H. MILLER, ACTING

1. THE MALAYSIAN MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND SPECIAL FUNCTIONS, DATUK ABDUL TAIB, IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING AN ASIA FOUNDATION CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO. HE ATTENDED YOUR SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AT HARVARD IN 1964, AND HAS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT HE CAN SEE YOU DURING HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. THE ASIA FOUNDATION CONFERENCE ENDS ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, AND HE COULD BE IN WASHINGTON FROM AUGUST 16, IF A MEETING IS POSSIBLE.

2. DATUK TAIB, A MEMBER OF THE MELANU ETHNIC MINORITY OF SARAWAK, IS NOT PARTICULARLY INFLUENTIAL WITHIN THE GOM NOR IS HE A CLOSE ADVISOR TO THE PRIME MINISTER. HE IS BRIGHT AND IS SAID TO RUN AN EFFICIENT MINISTRY. HIS MAIN FUNCTION, HOWEVER, IS TO BE ONE OF SARAWAK'S REPRESENTATIVES IN THE FEDERAL CABINET.

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3. THERE IS LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE PURPOSE IN YOUR SEEING

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DATUK TAIB. IF, HOWEVER, YOUR SCHEDULE WOULD PERMIT YOUR

SEEING HIM, THE GESTURE WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED IN KUALA LUMPUR, AND WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND A BRIEF CALL.

RECOMMENDATION:

4. THAT YOU RECEIVE DATUK TAIB FOR A BRIEF APPOINTMENT.

APPROVE:
DATE:
TIME:

DISAPPROVE:

5. CLEARED BY S - MR. AHERNE.

6. DRAFTED BY EA/IMS:WSSHEPARD. HABIB

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